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SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, certainly there's things about Senator Beutler's concept that I like. It maybe does force the NRDs to spend more money but I'm not sure we should be forcing the NRDs to invent programs to spend money on. I look at my...the NRD I live in, the Tri-Basin NRD. It is affected by this, although it probably wouldn't be very hard for them to spend a little more money and get up to the 2.5. It's not as low as a lot of the NRDs, but it's also an NRD that has a lot of irrigated agriculture in it. Almost all...I would guess 75 percent of the land in the Tri-Basin NRD is irrigated, so it's high valuation, and I hate to have them go out there and invent ways to spend money. And I know there's cost-share programs that they've spent money on, helping replace leaky gates in gated pipe, and I've asked myself in the past if that's an appropriate function for the NRDs or if they should do that on their own. So I'm going to vote with Senator Wickersham on this. I think maybe there's other ways to accomplish them to get...to spend some money on clean water programs. Although I commend Senator Beutler for bringing the issue up, he brings out a point because I think there are NRDs out there that are not spending what they should on programs that are needed by the state and needed by clean water...needed by clean water programs, and so I agree with him on that part. Give the rest of my time back to the Chair.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. Senator Beutler, on your motion.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, what does this have to do with inventing programs or causing spending? Those districts are already spending, except for two of them, above the 2.5 levy that I'm suggesting to you. What they are spending is property tax money and state Enhancement Fund money. Right? So what new program has to be created to give them above the limit? Except in the Twin Platte for one, which needs to create several new programs to even make a minimal effort at water quality. But they don't have to increase any programs at all, most of them. Only two of them have to do any increasing. All they have to do is switch over from state funds, Enhancement Funds, which are not there but